

GENERATE ASSEMBLY AND LIGHTING ELEMENT FOR A PNEUMATIC TOOL

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

5 The present invention relates to a generate assembly and a
lighting element for a pneumatic tool, and more particularly to a
generator and a lighting element for a pneumatic that the generate
assembly generates electric power by using the exhaust gas from the
pneumatic tool and the electric power is provided to the lighting of the
10 present invention.

2. Description of Related Art

A conventional pneumatic tool in accordance with the prior art
shown in Fig. 6 comprises body (7) and a pneumatic motor (not shown)
is received in the body (7). The pneumatic motor (7) is provided to
15 drive a shaft (72). The conventional pneumatic tool includes an inlet
(72) allowing the compressed flowing into the conventional pneumatic
tool for driving the pneumatic motor and an exhauster for exhaust gas
from the conventional pneumatic.

However, the above conventional pneumatic tool only uses the
20 compressed air to drive the pneumatic tool and the compressed air
cannot be fully used. For fully using the compressed air, a generator is
provided to be disposed in the pneumatic tool neat the inlet (72) of the
pneumatic tool and used the air current to generate electric power.

However, the powers of the generator and the pneumatic motor are reduced. For a swimming operation, the user must raise the pressure of the compressed air for driving the generator and the pneumatic motor. Unfortunately, an air current with a high pressure may damage the parts of the pneumatic tool.

The present invention has arisen to mitigate and/or obviate the disadvantages of the two conventional pneumatic tools.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The main objective of the present invention is to provide an improved generate assembly and lighting element for a pneumatic tool. The generate assembly uses the exhaust gas from the pneumatic to generate electric power that is provided to the lighting element.

To achieve the objective, the generate assembly and lighting element in accordance with the present invention comprises a body having a channel and a first passage defined therein. The first passage has a first end communicating with an exhauster of the pneumatic tool and a second end extending to communicate with the channel and defining an opening in an inner periphery of the channel. A second passage defined in the body for exhausting exhaust gas. A generator is mounted in the body for generating electric power to the lighting element. The generator has a turbine extending into the channel and eccentrically corresponding to the opening in the inner periphery of the channel such that exhaust gas, from the pneumatic tool, drive the

turbine due to the eccentric relation between the turbine and the opening. A sleeve is securely mounted around the body for airtightly closing the channel in the body.

Further benefits and advantages of the present invention will
5 become apparent after a careful reading of the detailed description with appropriate reference to the accompanying drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a schematic plan view in cross-section of a generate
assembly and a lighting element for a pneumatic tool in accordance
10 with the present invention;

Fig. 2 is an exploded perspective view of the generate assembly
in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view of the generate assembly of the
present invention for showing the direction of the air current in the
15 generate assembly of the present invention;

Fig. 4 is a top plan view in partial cross-section for showing the
air current driving a generator of the generate assembly of the present
invention;

Fig. 5 is a cross-sectional view of a second embodiment of the
20 generate assembly in accordance with the present invention; and

Fig. 6 is a side plan view of a conventional pneumatic tool in
accordance with the prior.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Referring to the drawings and initially to Figs. 1 and 2, a generate assembly and a lighting element for a pneumatic tool in accordance with the present invention comprises body (1), a generator (2) mounted in the body (1), a sleeve (5) securely mounted around the
5 body (1) and a lighting element (3) electrically connected to the generator (2). The pneumatic tool (4) includes an inlet (41) and an exhauster (42).

The body (1) is cylindrical and has a first end adapted to be longitudinally connected to the pneumatic tool and a second end
10 longitudinally opposite to the first end of the body (1). A joint (13) extends from the second end of the body (1) and is adapted to be connected to a high-pressure air source. The body (1) includes a channel (121) defined therein and a cavity (11) defined in a bottom of the channel (121) in the body (1). A first passage (12) is defined in the
15 body (1). The first passage (12) has a first end adapted to communicate with the outlet (42) of the pneumatic tool (4) and a second communicating with the channel (121) for forming an opening (122) in an inner periphery of the channel (211) and guiding the exhaust gas from the pneumatic tool (4) into the channel (121). The first passage
20 (12) extends to the channel (121) and defines an opening (122) in an inner periphery of the channel (121). A second passage (15) is defined in the body (1). The second passage (15) has a first end communicating with the channel (121) and a second end extending to an outer

periphery of the body (1) for exhausting the exhaust gas from the
pneumatic tool (4). A third passage (14) is defined in the body (1). The
third passage (14) has a first end adapted to communicate with the inlet
(41) of the pneumatic tool and a second end longitudinally extending
5 through the joint (13) for allowing the compressed air flowing into the
pneumatic tool.

The generator (2) is received in the cavity (11) in the body (1)
and has as turbine (21) extending into the channel (121). The turbine
(21) eccentrically corresponds to the opening (122) such that the
10 exhaust gas from the pneumatic tool (4) drives the turbine (21) after
flowing through the first passage (12).

The lighting element (3) is electrically connected to the
generator (2) by wires. In the preferred embodiment of the present
invention, the lighting element (3) is a light emitting diode (LED) and
15 mounted near an operation end of the pneumatic for providing light
during operating the pneumatic tool.

The sleeve (5) is securely mounted around the body (1) and
airtightly closes the channel (121).

With reference to Fig. 3 and 4, the compressed air flows into
20 the pneumatic tool (4) via the joint (13) and the third passage (14). The
exhaust gas, from the pneumatic tool (4), flows into the channel (121)
via the first passage (12), blows the turbine (21) for driving the
generator (2) to generate electric power that is provided to the lighting

element (3) and is exhausted from the body (1) via the second passage (15).

As described above, the generator (2) generates electric power by using the exhaust gas from the pneumatic tool (4) such that the power of the pneumatic tool should not be reduced and the light element (3) uses the electric power from the generator (2) such that an extra power is unnecessary to the lighting element (3) of the present invention. The generate assembly in accordance with the present invention makes use of exhaust gas from the pneumatic tool (4).

With reference to Fig. 5, the generator (2) is adapted to be mounted in the pneumatic tool (6) and corresponding to an exhaust passage (61) in the pneumatic tool (6). The turbine (21) eccentrically corresponds to the exhaust passage (61) in the pneumatic tool (6). The second embodiment of the present invention can achieve the effect of the first embodiment of the present invention as described above.

Although the invention has been explained in relation to its preferred embodiment, it is to be understood that many other possible modifications and variations can be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as hereinafter claimed.